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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - March 12, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Alejandro Martinez-Flores was sentenced today in federal court in San Diego on one count of importation of more than 500 grams of a mixture containing methamphetamine and one count of importation of more than one kilogram of heroin. United States District Judge Barry Ted Moskowitz sentenced Martinez-Flores to serve 54 months in prison and four years of supervised release. He had previously pleaded guilty to the two counts of conviction.

Court records establish that Martinez-Flores was arrested on April 23, 2006 at the San Ysidro Port of Entry, as the driver of a 1999 Dodge Intrepid sedan bearing Baja California, Mexico license plates. The vehicle was registered to a person other than Martinez-Flores. A close inspection of the sedan by Customs and Border Protection officers at the port of entry resulted in the discovery and seizure of 13 packages of methamphetamine and two packages of heroin hidden in a non-factory compartment in the trunk. The methamphetamine had a high level of purity and a net weight of approximately 7.89 kilograms. The net weight of the heroin seized was approximately 2.154 kilograms.

DEFENDANT**Case Number: 06cr1112-BTM**

Alejandro Martinez-Flores
Citizen of Mexico - Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Importation of 500 grams and more of a mixture and substance containing methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, §§ 952 and 960, and Aiding and Abetting, Title 18, United States Code, § 2

Importation of one kilogram and more of heroin, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, §§ 952 and 960

Maximum penalty is life in prison and a fine not to exceed \$4,000,000 per count of conviction.

AGENCIES

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